City Pastors and Their Hard Work

Religious Developments of One Week in All Our Churches.

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES NOTED

Carefully Compiled Compendium of News and Personal Mention Relating to the Churches and the Benevolent and Charitable Religious Societies.

It is generally conceded that the live man is the successful one, and the activity and push witnessed in business are admirably copied by some alert Christian workers. One of the aggressive workers in our city is F. W. Pearsall, of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association, and two noon prayer meetings that are held each week in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western shops are largely due to his earnest efforts to come in touch with his fellow-men. During the noon hour of every Friday of each week, a song and prayer service is held in the car shops of the above company, and at the same hour on Wednesdays, a similar meeting is held in the machine shops of the same company. Fifteen minutes is given to song and fifteen to prayer and testimony. For five years have these meetings been kept up at the car shops, but the movement in the machine shops has only been in existence for about five months. Yesterday noon Captain Pattie Watkins, of the Salvation army, conducted the meeting. Many conversions are reported at these gatherings and the workingmen bear testimony that they carry a beneficent influence on all the workmen. There is no respect of person in the meetings. No creed distinctions recognized, and men associated with churches that have little in common, join in worship in these prayer meetings without let or hindrance. The average attendance has been 150, while some days as high as 200 men have assembled for prayer. A Dedication.

The Methodist Episcopal church of Peckville will be dedicated tomorrow. Three services will be held. At 10.30 a. m., Rev. B. I. Ives, D. D., of Auburn, N. Y., will preach the dedicatory sermon. Mr. Ives has the name of being one of the best clergymen on the platform for this work, and his services have been in demand in almost every state in the union as well as in Canada He is an able speaker. At 2.30 p. m. the meeting will be addressed by former pastors of the church, and also by local clergymen and pastors that may be present. At 7 p. m., Rev. W. L. Thorpe, presiding elder of the Honesdale district, will preach. The formal dedication ceremony will take place after the evening sermon. The present church is commodious and beautiful. It has been erected at an expense of about \$5,000. Rev. F. P. Doty, the pastor, has been sick for several weeks, but he is able to attend to his work now, and will have charge of the services tomorrow.

Well Supplied.

The archdeaconry of Scranton has more missions than self-supporting parishes, and yet, not only are the latter supplied with rectors, but also not a single station of the former is at present vacant. This is unusual and spend their Thanksgiving in Plymouth, part of this church that promises much for the future. At the last archdeaconry meeting held recently in Montrose, Archdeacon Cox reported that all parishes of whatever nature, within his boundaries, were occupied by resident clergymen. He also paid a deserving compliment to these conscientious church workers, who are engaged in good, substantial work, which results in the building up of the church and extending its privileges.

The Asbury Herald.

Rev. A. F. Chaffee, of Green Ridge has started a church paper under the above name. The object of the monthly is well set forth in his salutatory as follows: "We are anxious for a means of communication with the people other than through the desk or pulpit. We shall strive to make every column of shall strive to make every column of be used for Sunday school purposes. Preaching in the morning by the pasthis paper interesting and profitable. Mr. Coney is a consecrated and contor. In the evening by Mr. Fred Dreyer. What we say editorially, and the articles we may select for our columns, will both be done in the same spirit in which our sermons are made and delivered-a spirit keenly realizing the importance of life and exceedingly anxlous to help people heavenward."

Helpful and Useful.

About six prominent members of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, who do not choose to have their names made known, have furnished one hundred and ten new hymnals and one hundred copies of the new Testament and Psalms for the use of the congregation. They have been placed in the pews and are used in public worship.

The trustees of the Providence Pres byterian church, donated a cabinet or gan to the Slavonic church, of Peckville. The organ was used in the Sunday school department and was in good condition. The same church also presented the Dickson City chapel with a nice pulpit Bible.

The Puritan Congregation church is putting in a steam heater, that promises to add much to the comfort of the worshippers during the coming winter. This church made over three hundred dollars from their fair last week, which will help to defray the expense incurred in purchasing the heating apparatus, that costs over \$600.

The Junior Endeavor society of the North Main avenue Baptist church, will soon give a public entertainment. The special feature will be a Bible drill. which the little folks will render to the give a plain talk that will possible dis-

delight of the public. Misses Laura and Nellie Markwick, both members of the St. David's choir, were agreeable surprised last Wednes day evening by the members of the choir. The occasion was the anniversary of the young ladies' birthdays. Rector and Mrs. Mill were present. During the evening several musical selections were rendered. Mrs. Sidney Markwick, the hostess and mother of the young ladies, entertained her guests very pleasantly, and after an evening's enjoyment all returned to their homes

with pleasing associations Rev. Thomas Bell, of the Plymouth is on a visit to our valley, and will Congregational church, conducts a nor- preach next Monday evening in the mal Bible class for teachers, which is Providence well attended. The best methods of church, and on Wednesday and Thursteaching are discussed. All are cordi- day evenings in the churches of the

ally invited to attend. The King's Daughters, of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church, gave a free art lecture last evening. The subject was Murillo.

Colonel Hitchcock addressed the Green Ridge Presbyterian church last Wednesday evening on the work of the Synod in Tyrone, to which he was a

delegate. Tomorrow afternoon at 6:30 the Elm Park Epworth League will have a rollcall. The society is too large to finish | members of the church planned to serve the work in one meeting, so the names a supper next Thursday evening, but all from A to K will be called at tomor- have resolved to forego the social enjoyrow's meeting, and the remainder will ment, and contribute the money that You have danced with the gayest in Vanbe read the following Sunday. Each | would be so spent to the treasury of the !

testimony and give an offering for missionary purposes. At last Sunday's meeting the prayer meeting room, that has 500 chairs, was full and the spirittal interest was very great.

Special Work. At tomorrow morning and evening Board of Home Missions. In the morning the pastor, Rev. George Guild, will vening service a Thanksgiving exergramme of recitations and singing will

be rendered A choir of thirty-five voices, under the tuition of Professor T. J. Davies, Mus. weeks. The singing of the choir is very

The churches of the North End will Episcopal church next Thursday morn-

The West Market Street Congrega tional church will serve an old-fashioned tea party Christmas day. A committee has the thing in charge, of which Mrs. Job Jenkins is president.

The Sunday school of the North Main hearsing for Christmas exercises next week. They have adopted the programme prepared by J. H. Filmore, entitled "Christmas Glory."

Owing to the increasing attendance at the St. David's church services fifty | poor. new hymnals have been placed in the pews for the accommodation of the worshippers.

The Sunday school rally held last Sunday evening at the Scranton Street Baptist church was a decided success. An able address was given by the superintendent, Dr. Beddoe, and the little folks acquitted themselves very creditably. It has awakened the attention of the members to the work and will increase the attendance in this 6.30 p.m. branch of work.

The English churches on the West Side will hold a union service Thursday morning in the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, when the Thanksgiving sermon will be preached by Rev. D. C. Hughes, D. D.

Next Thursday the Endeavor society They have given a cordial invitation to welcome. the other societies on the West Side to join them.

Congregational church will hold its regular monthly meeting, when the church manual will be adopted.

Tomorrow afternoon a Thanksgiving service will be held in the Railroad Young Men's Christian association rooms. F. W. Pearsall will give an address and testimonies will be heard. After the service a party of railroad men will go in a private car to Moscow and hold a railroad service in the Methodist Episcopal church in the

Mrs. Rogers Israel, Mrs. Everett Warren and Mrs. George L. Dickson attended the annual meeting of the Diocesan branch of the Women's Auxilliary, held last Monday and Tuesday in Willinmsport.

Our Clergymen. Rev. Daniel Savage, of Green Ridge, accompanied by his family, expect to ciety will meet at 6.30 p.m.

visiting friends. Rev. W. W. Shaw, of Archbald, who has been for eight years a missionary of lectures to the people of his parish. His talks especially refer to the seat of the present war, and the customs and habits of the people. The people are greatly interested and edified.

Rev. M. H. Mill, rector of St. David's. held holy communion in Tunkhannock last Sunday, and preached there morning and evening. Charles Fraser, a lay reader of his parish, conducted the services in his church.

Since Rev. W. Coney has taken charge of the Episcopal church of Tunkhannock, the people are inspired with re- school at 2 o'clock. Epworth league at newed life and the work is considerably 6.30 o'clock. revived. They recently put in a furnace, and are now about to re-model the basement, which will, when completed, be used for Sunday school purposes. scientious worker, and with the co-operation of the people of his charge, will be assisted by Brother Dreyer in operation of the people of his charge, will accomplish an excellent work in this old parish.

Rev. T. J. Collins, of the Scranton Street Baptist church, will baptize applicants for church membership at tomorrow evening's service.

Rev. G. E. Allen, of west Windsor, N. Y., pastor-elect of the Baptist church at West Lenox, Susquehanna county, was examined by council last Thursday and recognized pastor of the church to which he was recently called. Rev. D. C. Hughes, D. D., will lecture on "Sociology," at Dalton, on Depaper on the "Dispensation of the Logos" before the Baptist Ministerial meeting.

Rev. Thomas Bell, of the Plymouth Congregational church, will preach a at 2.30 p.m. Free pews. Thanksgiving sermon tomorrow morning. In the evening a patriotic service will be rendered by the members of the Sunday school in charge of A. B. Eynon. Mr. Bell has not been long in the above church, but his labors tell. Last Sunday evening the house was crowded to the doors and the gallery in demand.

Rev. A. L. Urban, assistant to Rev. Rogers Israel, is preaching a series of sermons based on the church cate-

"Duty of the Church." He expects to sent from prevailing ideas on this important question.

Rev. D. M. Kinter, of Providence, preached in Pittston last evening. Next Monday he leaves for Kineals, near Harvey's lake, where he expects to conduct revival services for a few eve-

nings. Rev. A. F. Ferris, of the Puritan Con- at 7.15. Thursday at 10 a.m. Seats free. Market street Congregational church, will preach an English sermon tomorrow evening. In the morning he will celebrate the ordinance of the Lord's

supper. Mrs. Rachel Davies, of Wisconsin Welsh Congregational same denomination on the West Side.

Rev. A. T. Terris, of the Puritan Congregational church, will preach a Phanksgiving sermon tomorrow morning on "Sunshine and Cloudy Days." In the evening he will give one of his stereoption lectures on the "Life of Christ." Rev. W. G. Watkins, of the North Main avenue Baptist church, will preach a Thanksgiving sermon at tomorrow morning's service. Special music has been prepared for the occasion. The life aims, bright desires, been prepared for the occasion. The

member will respond with a word of church, which will be done tomorrow Plans to Purify

Thanksgiving Evening. The Epworth League, of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, will hold a missionary rally next Thursday eve-A good programme has been ning. prepared. A roll call of the league will services the Providence Presbyterian also take place during the evening. An church will take up offerings for the offering will be made for the missionary society.

The young people of the Green Ridge present the cause of missions. In the Primitive Methodist church have made extensive preparations for a supper cise will be rendered by the members that will be served in the vestry of the of the Sunday school, when a good pro- church Thursday evening. They are anxious to secure funds to pay for the sidewalk recently laid down by them. The Epworth league, of the Park

Place Methodist Episcopal church, will Bac., chorister of the Providence Pres- hold a Thanksgiving prayer meeting byterian church, will render the sacred next Thursday evening. An offering cantata. "The Holy City," in about two | will be made for missionary purposes. On Thursday evening the Band of Hope of the Tabernacle Congregational church, will render the sacred contata. hold a union service in the Methodist | the "Golden Year." It is popular and a full house will greet this effort of the children.

Prof. George B. Carter will give a free concert on Thursday evening in the Elm Park church. Those who cannot afford to pay a dollar for a first-class organ recital, are invited to attend and enjoy a concert equal to any that has Avenue Baptist church will begin re- ever been given in the city. It is expected that others besides the poor will attend, and to these an opportunity will be given to contribute a free-will offering at the doors as they enter, which will be consecrated to the use of the

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Free Christian Church-Penn avenue Green Ridge, Services at 10.30 a.m. Sub-ject, "The Harvest of Life," Evening at 7.30. Subject, "The Higher Civilization." Conducted by Samuel Wilson, of Rahway, N. J. Seats free at all services.

Washburn Street Presbyterian Church Rev. S. C. Logan, D.D., will preach Sun day, Nov. 25, 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Bible school at 12 noon. Christian Endeavor at

All Souls' Church, Universalist-Pin street, near Adams avenue. Rev. G. W. Powell, pastor, Service 10.39 a.m. Subject, "Faith and Trust." Seventh lecture, 7.30 p.m. Subject, "The Fall and Recov-ery of a Lost Soul." Grace English Lutheran Church-Rev

U. Gift, pastor. Services on Sunday at Next Thursday the Endeavor society of the Plymouth Congregational church 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Rev. J. A. Køger. will hold a sunrise prayer meeting of Muncie, Pa., will preach. Everybody

The Second Presbyterian Church-Rev oin them.

Next Monday evening the Plymouth

Charles E. Robinson, D.D., pastor. SerVices 10.39 a.m. and 7.39 p.m. Five-minute sermon in the morning to the children be fore the congregation. In the evening the topic will be a two-minute sermon on the "Record of God's Promises." Five minutes will be devoted in the evening as usual this fall, to answering questions The evening's question, "What is the Meaning of Matthew, xxviii, 19, Revised Version?" or "How Are We to Be Bap tized in the Name of the Father, etc?" Special music. All seats free in the even-ing. All are welcome at all services.

Saint Luke's Church-Rev. Rogers Is Methodist Episcopal church in the rael, rector. Sunday next before Advent, evening. They will return home that Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; service and sernon, 10.30 a.m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p.m. evening prayer and sermon, 7.30 p.m. Saint Luke's Dunmore Mission-Rev. A. L. Urban in charge. Sunday school, 3 p.

m.; evening prayer and sermon, 4 p.m. First Presbyterian Church-Washing ton avenue. It is expected that the pas tor, Rev. Dr. McLeod, will be at home and supply the pulpit morning and evening tomorrow. The Christian Endeavor so-

league devotional service at 6.39 p.m. At 7.30, by special invitation, Mr. William G. in China, delivers an interesting series House will address the young people on

> First Baptist Church-Pastor Collins will preach Sabbath at 10.30 a.m. and at 7 p.m. Morning theme, "The Barren Fig Tree." Evening theme, "Seeking the Lord with the Whole Heart." Baptism following the sermon in the evening. Seats free. All welcome.

All the services of Eim Park Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday will be of a Thanksgiving character, Pastor's subject in the morning, "Festival of Thanks-giving." Evening, "Songs in the Temple of the Nation's Thanksgiving." Sunday

Dudley Street Baptist Church-Dunmore, A. B. O'Neal, pastor, Preaching 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday school 2 p.m. Young People's meeting 6.45 p.m. special meetings during the week. Ser vices will begin each evening at 7.20 o'clock. Good singing. Come and hear

the gospel and receive a blessing.
Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church-Preaching in the morning at 10.30 and in the evening at 7.30 by the pastor, Rev. L. C. Floyd, Sunday school at 12 m. Ep-All welco worth league at 6.30. Penn Avenue Baptist Church-Rev

Warren G. Partridge, pastor, Services appropriate for Thanksgiving Day, both morning and evening. Subject for morning, "Our Municipality and Thanksgiv ing Day." In the evening, "Christ's Great Conflict with Satan." An augcember 19, and on Dec. 29 will read a mented choir will render special Thanks-paper on the "Dispensation of the giving music. All welcome. St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Short ave

nue, opposite Park Piace public school. Rev. George M. Scheidy, pastor. Services at 10,30 a.m. and 7,30 p.m. Sunday school Green Ridge Baptist Church-Rev. W. J.

Ford, paster. Services at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Baptism at close of the morning

Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal Church-Preaching by the pastor, Rev. C .A. McGee, at 10.30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Calvary Reformed Church-Monroe avenue and Gibson street. Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, pastor. Preaching 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Rev. J. W. Williams, paster of Dunmore Presbyterian church, will

preach both morning and evening. Green Ridge Evangelical Church-Rev. Rev. Daniel Savage, of Green Ridge, m. K. L. C. E. 6.45 p.m. Preaching at 7.30 p.m. by Rev. J. M. Howell. Everybody

The Jackson Street Baptist Church-Services, preaching at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p. m. The pastor will preach tomorrow both rning and evening. All are welcome Seats are free.

St. David's Church-Corner Jackson street and Bromley avenue. Rev. M. H. Mill, rector. Sunday before Advent. Morning prayer and sermon at 10.30 evening prayer and sermon at 7.30. Sunday school at 2.30. Friday evening service

VANITY FAIR.

Vanity Fair, Vanity Fair, What can we purchase in Vanity Fair? Hearts, perhaps broken, but passing for

Vows, false when spoken, but warranted Colors, they're faded, but fit still for wear Nothing is wasted in Vanity Fair.

Vanity Fair, Vanity Fair How goes the trading in Vanity Fair? Worn, pale cheeks for red ones, and young hearts for old; Fresh roses for dead ones; brass passing

Some lose all in the struggle, but none know or care, No room for the failures in Vanity Fair.

chase old age and sadness, burnt ou ashes of fires. Naught else will be left you, but why should you care

City Government

Interesting Paper Read Before Men's League of the Baptist Church.

TO REVIVE MORAL INFLUENCES

It is Very Largely the Fault of the Church, Says W. W. Browning, If Municipul Rule Is Not What It Should Be.

Church and Municipal Corruption" was recently read before the Young Men's league of the Penn Avenue Baptist church by W. W. Browning. In this paper Mr. Browning took the position that the church is largely responsible for the lax condition of morals now prevalent in local government and that given subject. upon the church rests the responsibility of providing a remedy. Interesting parts of Mr. Browning's paper are apended Party politics has no place in city

government. We have already passed the dawn of a new day in the management of American cities. The civic federation has cleared out the gambling dens of Chicago. In Baltimore the union for public good has exposed the corruption existing in that beautiful southern city. In Philadelphia, Boston and other great cities reform has followed the awakening of the rule and corruption have been severed sturdy blows of truth. Two and a half years ago it took the courage of martyr for Dr. Parkhurst to stand beneath the sneers of Tammany hall. Today his foot rests on the tiger's neck. And the police captains chant the words of Isaiah, saying "We are men of sorrow and acquainted with grief." True, Also, of Scranton.

What is true of other cities is also rue of our own. The duties of Chris-Scranton as in New York. We have here the foundation for a great city. I believe in Scranton and bespeak for her a larger, broader, purer and nobler city. She is destined to become a great ommercial and industrial metropolis, and she is rapidly nearing her destiny. ton, whether her growth in pure gov ernment shall keep pace with her growth in commerce. It rests with growth in commerce. It rests with you, because you hold the balance of political power, and because you are virtuous citizens but in church of

I believe in divine supervision of fulness of time a people should inhabit the curse of the liquor traffic both in this vallley—a people with sufficient private and public life. Christian courage and sufficient states-menship and sufficient patriotism to an honest, ignorant man; I can have the interest of every man, woman and child within its borders. I contend, the teachings of the Bible.

The City's Wenlth. Scranton today stands 100,000 strong. She has already outgrown your fondest hopes. The revenues coming into her treasury for disbursement each year are enormous. For the last fiscal year \$626,000 came under control of the councils and \$416,000 to the school board, and nearly as much more to the poor board. Did you ever stop to think who are the men you elect to disburse these funds? Remeber, it is contrary to Christ's example to spend public money lavishly or carelessly, or to discriminate against the poor and those who have no "pull." Remeber the temptations to public men are manifold and if you elect men who are not able to stand under them you are the ones at fault, and the suffers through your neglect. Knowledge of candidates is an imperative duty of good citizenship and most of all of Christian citizenship. Let party pol-itics and partisan spirit be foever east

aside in city affairs and let all work together for the common good.

Are the principles of the golden rule applied in raising the revenues of Scranton? Is the rich corporation placed on an equal footing with the poor man? If not, that, too, is your fault. You have no right to sanction by sins of omission a city government which grinds down the poor to lighten the burdens of the rich. Is there any reason why Diamond flats should be assessed and taxed as farm land by the acre and Park Place as building lots? Is there any Christian reason why you should pay as much tax on your lot 40 x 50 as the great railroad company pays on an acre with coal and all? If the church does not protect the poor by her voice at the ballot box what have we to expect from the wicked and

the ungodly' How is it in the disbursement of these funds? How is it in the granting of franchises to corporations? Why is it that one street car company, after offering \$10,000 to the public treasury for a certain right, is refused while another is granted the same right for nothing? because the city's interests are looked after or is it because somebody

Other Pertinent Questions.

Again, how about the sanitary condition of our tenement house districts? Is it not the duty of the church to see that the health of the city is preserved? Yes; but you say, "We do not appoint the health officer." True, but you pay him his salary and it is your privelege to see that he earns his eight hundred dollars per annum.

Why is it that the side doors of saons are allowed to remain open on election day and on Sunday in viola-tion of law? Is it because our police are profiting thereby? Why do the houses of prostitution flaunt more publicly than ever before their goods, wares and merchandise? It is because the officers of the law lack cour-

How about the case of the poor in our city? Shall they be taught that clean-liness and industry are the best recommendation to charity, or shall it continue to be lazyness and filth? I be- publican party on the one hand system of charity that robs a man of his self-respect and takes away the gem of true manhood is a detri-

ment to American institutions. What shall we do with the streets of out city? Is it Christian to suffer the germs of typhoid to slumber along our pavements and make no effort toward reform? There are scores of similar questions constantly coming up which either directly or indirectly affect the moral well being of the city. They must be solved if we would come fully up to the standard of Christian life re-

quired by Christ.

Among them we notice civil service rules applied to city government. The ownership of electric light plants and street car plants; the water supply under municipal control; abolition of the sweating system; Christian principles applied in difficulties between labor and capital; Sabbath observance; tin Van-Life.

Among them we notice civil service can be purified; but it is much easier for a hen to lay one good egg than to ownership of electric light plants and street car plants; the water supply under municipal control; abolition of the sweating system; Christian principles applied in difficulties between labor and capital; Sabbath observance; expulsion of gaming houses and dives; exposure of corruption on the part of quired by Christ.

the police and those in political power, no matter what form that corruption may take. There are many other questions evidently we tions constantly coming before the peo-ple for solution. Each one of them has its moral side. It cannot be that the great army of Christian citizenship is powerless to deal with this corruption.

Tammany's downfall tells us it is all can assure you that Prohibitionists and

powerful. What remedy do I offer? Suggested Remedies.

her power when composed of patriotic, energetic men. Second-Take the lead in human thought and action for human progress istence and assure the success of the in Scranton.

Third-Band together for the adoption of business methods in city government and against corrupt men in office regardless of partisan politics. Fourth-Organize a municipal parlia-ment at which every month or twice a month some of the great moral ques tions affecting our city may be discussed by all.
Fifth-Let the pastors of the city

gather facts and from every pulpit once a month proclaim at the same moment the need of reform on any Sixth-Have your committees and sub-committees in every ward, and let it be known that you will turn against

PROHIBITION'S FUTURE.

into office.

any man who attempts to buy his way

Rev. J. C. Hogan, of Forest City, Expounds Ilis Idea of It, and Challenges Any Scranton Minister to Refute His Asser-

The recent editorial discussion in The Christian church, while in New York Tribune of the future of the Prohibithe massive chains forged under mismany comments from dissenting readers who belong to that partisan faith Among the most interesting of these is the following letter from Rev. J. C. Hogan, of Forest City, which says: Editor of The Tribune:

Sir.-I have just read your remarks on "Third Party Progress" in your sion to me I send you these few lines. tian citizenship are as important in You speak of "the recent remark of a Third party clergyman of a neighboring city who declared that all Christians who failed to vote the Prohibition ticket were either knaves or fools." My remarks, which you allude to in the above sentence, were made at the The responsibility of citizenship in-creases with the city's growth. It rests held in Scranton, and I was speaking recent Prohibition Preachers' league with you, the Christian men of Scran- to preachers. What I said on that oc casion I now repeat: "The pulpit must lead in this reform. The minister who does not know his duty in regard to the Prohibition issue is too big a fool to the moulders of righteous thought in the community. If this city be made who knows his duty but fails to perform pure, virtue must be given her by the it, is too big a knave to be intrusted citizens, and where shall we look for with the holy commission." with the holy commission."

Ministers Are Responsible.

I am aware that I am in the habit of city government as well as in the af- making strong utterances, but I believe fairs of individual moment. I believe the ministers of the gospel, as moral when Almighty God unlocked the crys-leaders of the people, are mostly re-I believe the ministers of the gospel, as moral tal doors of heaven and dropped from its portals this valley of ours; when he our country; and I can say, as William placed the boundless wealth of minerals beneath our feet and filled yonder Lloyd Garrison said of slavery, "I do mountains with material for a mil- not wish to think, speak nor write with lion homes, I believe He expected in the moderation" on this subject, such is

menship and sumcient patriousin to build here a noble city and to exercise long suffering charity for the honest the functions of local government in busy layman who cannot see his way have the function of every man, woman and clear on the Prohibition question; while ciety will meet at 6.30 p.m.

Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. A. W. Cooper, pastor. Sermon at 10.30 a.m. by the pastor. Epworth mon at 10.30 a.m. by the pastor. Epworth the teachings of the Bible.

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Chart of the Promotion question; while I do not excuse him I am compelled to be modest with him so long as he can "point with pride" to so many preachers who lead him in supporting the license political parties. I have neither the face nor the faith to demand that Democrats and Republicans as such Some of you whose locks are silvered shall observe a higher standard in rocked her cradle and sang her lullabys. their public life or political morality than many of the ministers. (I remem ber that there are thousands of noble spirits in the ministry, but I am not

now writing about them.) I do not ask these old party preachers to vote the Prohibition ticket, but to stop voting the license party tickets. The minister of the gospel who prays that we may be delivered from evil with his mouth and with his hand votes to continue the evil is not only a sinner but a hypocrite, his own resolutions and church declarations being witness. He not only associates with the liquor men politically, but personally aids them with his ballot.

I am not alone in such opinions. Joseph Cook on his recent visit to Scranton, said: "I had rather be the lowest drunkard than the rumseller, and I had rather be that man than the church member who gives him the license."

Scorns Old-Party Preachers. The Rev. Mr. Murphy, of Canada, recently said: "Jesus would not shake hands with most of the modern clergymen. The craft of the liquor traffic and the Diana of rum have a stronger pull with our well-fed and well-paid ministry than the inspiration of the Lord Jesus Christ. The smile of Demetrius, the brewer, and Demetrius the salconkeeper, and Demetrius the rum-made politician is industriously cultivated, because it stands for gold and the wailings of the poor commonwealer made poor, too, by the saloon, fall upon frozen ears. The watch dogs on the towers of Israel are muzzled and the stones are crying out that the wolves of the liquor are mercilessly devouring the traffic fold for whom Christ died."

I have nothing but intellectual scorn for old party preachers, and I hereby challenge any of the guilty crowd in Sranton to show the consistency of their political relations and associations, or that they are not sinners and hypocrites in this respect. In the words of Jesus Christ to the Pharisees of old, who correspond to the policy preachers of the present, I say, "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin and have ommitted the weightier matters of the law (politics) judgment, mercy and faith; these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the others undone. * * Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

Remember these words were addressed, not to the drunkards and publicans of Jesus' day, but to the religious leaders of the people-the scribes and Pharisees who sat in Moses' seat! You intimate that the Prohibition-

ists can never succeed; and that sooner or later, between the and the Democratic party on the other, we will be crushed out of existence. Well, as one has said, in that case we will console ourselves with the reflection that Jesus Christ was also put to death between two thieves, and we may safely follow His illustrious example. Again, we are told that even admitting the cor ruption of the big parties, it would be better for us to stay with them and help to purify them, instead of splitting off and joining a new party. Now, we are in favor of purifying anything that

desire to express my kind evidently well intended editorial utterances on this subject, and also for opening your columns for this

their friends form no small portion of the reading public. In the above communication I have First-Teach the church the extent of merely touched upon one phase of the Prohibition issue. But with your favor, at some future time, I may speak of other reasons which demand the ex-

Prohibition party.

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